

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 15-17 are amended.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-14, 18 and 19 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 15-17.

Claims 15-17 were objected to based on various informalities. By this Amendment, claims 15-17 are amended responsive to the objection. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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